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ANNUAL MEETING.

UPPER ALTON, June 13, 1865.

The Illiniois Baptist Education Society convened, for its Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Anniversary, in the Baptist church house, in this place, at 2½ o'clock, P. M. The President, Dr. D. Read, called the Society to order, when prayer was offered by Rev. N. Colver, D.D., of Chicago. After appropriate introductory remarks by the President, Rev. L. C. Carr and Prof. Warren Leverett were appointed a committee, to enroll the names of annual members, life members and life directors present at this meeting; who subsequently reported the names of twenty-seven annual members, five life members and two life directors.

Washington Leverett, Edward C. Mitchell and George P. Guild, were appointed a committee to nominate Officers and Trustees of the Society, for the ensuing year.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Board:

The Report of the Ladies' Education Society of Shurtleff College, (auxiliary to this Society was also read.

Pending the motion to accept the Report of the Board, Rev. Silas Bailey, D.D., of La Fayette, Indiana, addressed the Society, in an appropriate and impressive manner—after which, the Report was adopted.

The Treasurer then read his Report, which had previously been reported correct, by the Auditors.

Pending the motion to accept the same, interesting and impressive addresses were delivered by Rev. G. S. Bailey, of Morris, Illinois, and by Rev. N. Colver, D.D., of Chicago.

The Committee on Nominations reported, recommending that the Fourth Article of the Constitution be amended, by substituting *sixteen* instead of *eight* as the number of Trustees; also, recommending the following as Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year, viz:

President—Rev. N. W. Miner, D.D.

Vice Presidents—Rev. D. Read, L.L. D.; Rev. R. E. Pattison, D.D.; Rev. J. Bulkley, D.D.; Rev. M. Jameson.

Secretary—Rev. Harrison Daniels.

Treasurer—Prof. Warren Leverett.

Trustees—Prof. O. L. Castle, B. H. Mills, Rev. Geo. Silver, J. L. Blair, Esq., Prof. E. C. Mitchell, Rev. L. C. Carr, Richard Flagg, Esq., Washington Leverett, Rev. D. L. Phillips, Rev. A. C. Osborne, Rev. G. S. Bailey, D.D., Hon. Elijah Gove, Rev. F. M. Ellis, Rev. S. A. Kingsbury, Rev. J. H. Mize.

The amendment recommended by the committee was adopted. The nominations also presented by the committee were adopted.

The Society then passed a vote of thanks to the retiring President and Secretary, for the able and faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, for so long a period.

The Society then adjourned, to convene at eight o'clock, this evening, to hear the annual sermon, and to transact any business that may be presented.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to appointment and listened to a sermon by Rev. W. P. Pattison, of Moline, founded on First Timothy vi: 11, "But thou, O man of God, flee these things," &c.

On motion of Prof. E. C. Mitchell,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be presented to Rev. W. P. Pattison, for the able and impressive discourse, to which, we have just listened; and may the lessons it suggests exert over us all a practical and controlling influence.

On motion of Dr. Read,

Resolved, 1st, That in the complete organization of an efficient Theological Department, in Shurtleff College, and in the constantly increasing facilities for a thorough preparatory and collegiate education, afforded in this Institution, we recognize the signal favor of God; and new and powerful motive for greater exertions, to provide for our rising ministry, the means necessary to avail themselves of these privileges.

Resolved, 2d, That the large number of beneficiaries now looking to this Society for aid, and the great increase in this number, which we have reason to expect the coming year, taken in connection with the pressing demands of our country and of the Foreign field, for an efficient ministry, call upon us to make strenuous efforts to raise, at least, *three thousand dollars* during the coming year.

Resolved, 3d, That we request the churches throughout the West, to observe the day of Fasting and Prayer for Colleges and Seminaries of learning; and to pray especially for the beneficiaries of this Society and for the Institution, with which they are connected.

A collection was then taken for the Society, amounting, with collection in afternoon, to, - -	$88 10
Pledges, - - - - - - - - -	25 00
	$113 10

Society adjourned.

HARRISON DANIELS, *Secretary.*

Illinois Baptist Education Society.

TWENTY-NINTH AND THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

The commencement exercises of Shurtleff College were omitted last year in consequence of the absence of the graduating class, who, with most of their fellow students, in response to the call of our late President, volunteered their services one hundred days, for the suppression of the rebellion. For this reason the annual meeting of this Society was likewise omitted.

The present condition of our country demands not the personal services of your beneficiaries in the camp and the battle-field, but does demand from us and from all true patriots, devout thankgiving to HIM who has so over-ruled events as to terminate the rebellion and to establish peace throughout our land. In our last Annual Report we said: "We believe the All-wise Disposer of human events will ere long terminate this rebellion, and that his gracious purposes connected with it will open and enlarge fields of benevolent effort, and increase the demands for an educated, godly ministry. We believe too, that he will call into his service the men, requisite to accomplish his purposes, and will call from his people the pecuniary means requisite to furnish them for the work."

To-day we can gratefully affirm, the rebellion has been suppressed, and with it has fallen that system of legalized oppression, which has since the birth of our nation, measurably denied the messages of Divine love and mercy to millions of needy immortal beings within our national territory. It is no longer at the peril of personal liberty and life that the Ambassador of Christ proclaims the entire gospel in any portion of our land.

The present religious condition of our war-stricken country demands of the friends of Christianity and humanity the most strenuous efforts to send qualified laborers into the extended field, to meet the urgent claims now more than ever before pressing upon them. The hand of Providence also presents in the foreign field of missionary enterprise, unparalleled claims for efficient laborers. While God thus opens such immense fields before his people, he requires them to pray that laborers may be sent into

those fields, and he also requires them to contribute the necessary pecuniary means to qualify those chosen laborers for their responsible work. May not your Board in behalf of the Society gratefully acknowledge their obligations to God for granting us —as a Society—the honor and privilege of contributing, though in a very limited measure, to promote the cause of truth and holiness, which he has purposed shall eventually prevail throughout our wide land and throughout the world.

Since our last Report, the number of your beneficiaries, during the whole or a portion of the time, has been *twenty-seven*, ten of whom have been received during the last Academical year. Of this number *twenty-five* are now pursuing their studies in Shurtleff College, viz: *Fourteen* in the Theological Department; *eight* in the Collegiate Department, and *three* in the Academical Department. The remaining two are at present in the military service of the United States. The amount of aid furnished these young men from your treasury—as appears from the Treasurer's Report—is ($2,191 15) two thousand, one hundred and ninety-one dollars and fifteen cents.

WASHINGTON LEVERETT, *Secretary.*

WARREN LEVERETT, Treasurer, in account with Illinois Baptist Educational Society:

	RECEIVED.	
1863.		
June 13...	Balance in Treasury this date, ...	$ 20 60
July 2.....	From Alton Baptist Church, D. D. Ryrie, Treasurer,.....	7 62
July 13.....	From J. E. Hayner, per H. N. Kendall, Treasurer, Shurtleff College,.....	50 00
July 31....	From First Baptist Church, Quincy, $19 05; J. H. Durfee, $5; L. C. Osborne, $5; to make Rev. C. F. Bristol Life Member, per Dr. Read,.....	29 05
Aug. 4.....	From Rev. T. W. Greene, a former Beneficiary,.....	25 00
Aug. 19.....	From Mrs. Stookey, Belleville, per Dr. Read,.....	5 00
Aug. 28.....	From Herman Goodrich, $10; Mrs. Goodrich, $1, per Dr. Read,.....	11 00
Sept. 3.....	From a friend, for use of J. M. Stifler, per Dr. Read,.....	1 00
Sept. 9.....	From Mr. Whyte, Jerseyville, per Dr. Read,.....	5 00
Sept. 16...	From McLean Baptist Association, per Dr. Read,.....	7 95
Sept. 16...	From Mrs. E. G. Clark, per Rev. E. J. Thomas,.....	1 00
Sept. 28...	From Greenville Baptist Church, per Rev. D. P. French,.	17 00
Sept. 28...	From Edwardsville Baptist Association, per Dr. Read,...	32 20
Oct. 14.....	From Warren Leverett, for use of M. B. Sloan,.....	20 00
Oct. 16.....	From Alton Baptist Church, per D. D. Ryrie, Treasurer,..	7 20
Oct. 25.....	From Mrs. Samuel Lander, Bloomington, per Dr. Read,...	5 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Oct. 25.....	From Illinois Baptist General Association, per Dr. Read,..	1.. 40
Oct. 25.....	From Rev. J. C. Wilson,.....	2 00
Nov. 9.....	From Jacob Utt, $15; Virden Baptist Church, $15 05, to make Rev. John Sawyer Life Member, per Dr. Read,...	30 05
Nov. 9.....	From Premium on one silver half dollar,.....	20
Nov. 9.....	From sales of Photographs of Faculty of Shurtleff College, per Dr. Read, ...	7 25
Nov. 24....	From Mrs. Elizabeth Stahl,.....	2 00
Dec. 1.....	From Virden Baptist Church, per Dr. Read,...	4 00
Dec. 23.....	From sales of Photographs of Faculty of Shurtleff College, per Dr. Read, ...	2 00
Dec. 26.....	From Rev. George Silvers, per H. N. Kendall.....	2 00
1864.		
Jan. 13.....	From Winchester Baptist Church, per Dr. Read,.....	16 00
Jan. 25.....	From Mrs. Kemp, per Dr. Read,.....	1 00
Jan. 30.....	From First Baptist Church, Quincy, per Rev. C. E. Bristol,	2 00
Jan. 30.....	From Ladies' Education Society, Mrs. C. F. Kendall, Treasurer, ...	66 00
Feb. 2	From Alton Baptist Church, D. D. Ryrie, Treasurer.....	9 1..
Feb. 3.....	From Rev. W. H. Briggs, interest on Ministers' and Teachers' Fund,.....	3 00
March 5...	From Upper Alton Baptist Church, Washington Leverett, Treasurer,.....	20 00
March 25..	From Ladies' Education Society, per Dr. Read.....	4 00
March 26..	From Jerseyville Baptist Church, per Rev. E. C. Mitchell.	35 00
March 28..	From First Baptist Church, Springfield, per Dr. Read,...	11 1..
March 29..	From Alton Baptist Church, per Melvin Jameson,.....	10 7..
April 26...	From L. R. McMurray, for use of J. M. Lappin, per Dr. Read, ...	10 00
May 3.....	From Jerseyville Baptist Church, per Dr. Read.....	3 00
May 3.....	From S. G. Reynolds, Springfield, $2; Winchester Baptist Church, $5; per Dr. Read,.....	7 00
May 5.....	From J. E. Hayner, per H. N. Kendall, Treasurer Shurtleff College, ...	56 00
May 12.....	From W. H. Briggs, interest on Ministers' and Teachers' Fund,.....	5 00
June 22...	From a friend, Boston, Mass., per Dr. Read,.....	5 00
July 22...	From Rev. J. W. Warwick. Antioch, Ill., $5; Mr. Stannard, Indianapolis, Ind., $5, for use of H. M. Day, per Dr. Read,.....	10 00
Aug. 4.....	From John Boyer, Rock Island, $5; David Lingle, do., $10, per Dr. Read,.....	15 00
Aug. 4.....	From M. De La Browne, Bloomington, per Dr. Read,.....	5 00
Aug. 4	From Prof. O. L. Castle paid to J. M. Stifler, one year's boarding,.....	100 00
Aug. 31.....	From Rev. Frank M. Ellis, per Dr. Read,.....	15 00
Sept. 1.....	From Salem Baptist Association, per Rev. H. H. Northrop.	25 75
Sept. 1.....	From Rev. C. E. Bristol, Chapl'n U. S. Army, per Dr. Read,	20 00
Sept. 6.....	From South District Association, per Dr. Read, viz: S. W. Scantling, $10; Solomon Teters, $10; to make Rev. D. M. Howell Life Member,.....	20 00
Sept. 6.....	From James H. Lemen, in part to make Rev. J. Peters Life Member,.....	10 00
Sept. 6.....	From Cyrus Begole, $5; Mr. Stookey, $5; in part to make Prof. O. Howes Life Member,.....	10 00
Sept. 6.....	From A. G. Wilson, $5; Lyman Barber, $5; G. W. Bowler, $5; Cash, $5; to make Rev. W. J. Roseberry Life Member,	20 00
Sept. 6.....	From Margaret Fruit, $5; Wesley Cox, $; in part to make Rev. J. H. Mize Life Member,.....	10 00
Sept. 6.....	From James L. Thomas, $5; James Fincher, $5; Samuel Anderson, $5; James Ripley, 5; to make Rev. J. W. Swift Life Member,.....	20 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Sept. 6.....	From S. M. Wiggins, $5; Washington Darrow, $5; W. A. Darrow, $5; in part to make Rev. R. C. Keele Life Member,	15 00
Sept. 6.....	From H. L. Deppe, in part to make himself Life Member,	10 00
Sept. 6.....	From James Hogan, $1; A. Waddle, $1; Wm. A. Wilson, $1,	3 00
Sept. 6.....	From James Ripley, $3; Phillip Teters, $2; Gideon Lemen, $1,	6 00
Sept. 6.....	From A. P. Hart, $2; S. G. Clark, $1; L. Piggot, $1; B. F. Begole, 1; Collection, $25 95,	30 95
Sept. 13...	From L. R. McMurray, Effingham, for use of J. M. Lappin, per Rev. G. S. Bailey,	5 00
Sept. 13...	From Mrs. Terry, Kane, $5; Collection at Carrollton Baptist Association, J. K. Stelle Treasurer, $76 25, per Rev. Dr. Bulkley,	81 25
Sept. 29...	From Wm. Begole, $5; Mr. Simpson, $5; balance to make Prof. O. Howes Life Member, per Dr. Read,	10 00
Sept. 22...	From McLean Baptist Association, per Dr. Read,	95 00
Sept. 28...	From Tremont Baptist Church, per Rev. A. J. Delano,	2 50
Sept. 28...	From Quincy Baptist Association, per Dr. Read, viz: Mr. Simmons, $10; Mr. Brakefield, $10; to make Rev. B. B. Carpenter Life Member,	20 00
Sept. 28...	From L. Angle, $10; D. Pike, $5; Deacon Hart, $5; to make Rev. T. M. Caldwell Life Member,	20 00
Sept. 28...	From Rev. B. B. Carpenter, $5; G. Kay, $5; Mr. Eastman, $5; L. Angle, $5; to make Rev. L. Osborne Life Member,	20 00
Sept. 28...	From Deacon Ward, $10; Dr. P. M. Parker, $2 50; L. Angle, $2 50; Collection, $5; to make Rev. Wm. Hawker Life Member,	20 00
Sept. 28...	From balance Collection to make Rev. J. P. Lawton Life Member,	41 45
Sept. 28...	From Abel Shelley, $1; Mrs. Morris, $1,	2 00
Oct. 1.....	From Greenville Baptist Church, per D. D. Ryrie, $6 50; Alton Baptist Church, per same, $23 10,	29 60
Oct. 4.....	From M. De La Browne, Bloomington, per Dr. Read,	1 00
Oct. 13.....	From Belle Gonterman, per Dr. Read,	5 00
Oct. 22.....	From Rev. W. J. Roseberry, balance to make Rev. H. H. Deppe Life Member, per Dr. Bulkley	10 00
Oct. 22.....	From Rev. G. W. Barcus, Effingham, for use of J. M. Lappin, per Dr. Bulkley,	5 00
Oct. 24.....	From South District Association, collected Sept., 1863, per Rev. E. C. Mitchell,	19 00
Oct. 25.....	From Kate Lemen, per Dr. Read,	1 00
Oct. 28.....	From Ladies' Education Society, Mrs. C. F. Kendall, Treasurer,	50 50
Nov. 1.....	From Belle Plains Baptist Church, per Dr. Read,	9 20
Nov. 3.....	From Rev. I. Fargo, for use of H. M. Day,	10 00
Nov. 19....	From Ladies' Education Society, per Mrs. C. F. Kendall, Treasurer,	40 00
Nov. 25....	From Winchester Baptist Church, per J. K. Stelle,	30 00
Nov. 25....	From Edwardsville Baptist Association, per D. D. Ryrie, Treasurer,	190 00
Dec. 7.....	From Pleasant Hill Association, $7; Dr. Rood, $1; per A. B. Tomlinson,	8 00
Dec. 12.....	From Rev. D. M. Howell, $5; Cyrus L. Cook, 5; balance to make Rev. J. Peters Life Member, per Dr. Read,	10 00
Dec. 20.....	From Decatur Baptist Church, per Dr. Read,	19 15
Dec. 24.....	From Ladies' Education Society, Mrs. C. F. Kendall, Treas.	33 00
Dec. 24.....	From South District Association, collected Sept., 1863, per Rev. E. C. Mitchell,	10 50
1865.		
Jan. 4	From Winchester Baptist Church, per Rev. T. W. Greene,	40 00
Jan. 5. . .	From Rev. W. H. Briggs, on account of Note due Ministers' and Teachers' Fund,	10 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Jan. 10.....	From Rev. O. T. Conger, Edgington, for use of H. M. Day,.	10 00
Jan. 16.....	From Herman C. Cole, for use of Harrison Sawyer, $100; Rev. Geo. Silver, $2,.....	102 00
Jan. 17.....	From First Baptist Church, Carthage, to make Rev. H. H. Northrop Life Member, per Dr. Read,.....	27 65
Jan. 17.....	From Ladies' Education Society, Mrs. C. F. Kendall, Treasurer, per Dr. Read,.....	10 00
Jan. 17.....	From George Prunk, for use of H. M. Day, per Dr. Read,.	10 00
Jan. 18.....	From Ladies' Education Society, Mrs. C. F. Kendall, Treas.	35 00
Feb. 1	From T. M. Triplett, refunded.	55 00
Feb. 13.....	From Edwardsville Baptist Association, per D. D. Ryrie, Treasurer,..	11 00
Feb. 13.....	From Alton Baptist Church, per D. D. Ryrie, Treasurer,..	15 41
Feb. 21.....	From Rev. L. Barrows, per Dr. Read,.....	5 00
March 31..	From Alton Baptist Church, per D. D. Ryrie, Treasurer,..	19 56
April 1	From Rev. Dr. Bulkley, for use of H. M. Day,.....	10 00
April 1.....	From Dr. J. F. Simpson, pledged at meeting of Carrollton last year, per Dr. Bulkley,.....	5 00
April 22...	From Ladies' Education Society, Mrs. C. F. Kendall, Treas.	70 00
April 25...	From Rev. B. F. Ives, Tiskilwa, for use of H. M. Day, per Dr. Read,.....	10 00
May 3.....	From Edwardsville Baptist Association, per D. D. Ryrie, Treasurer,.....	10 00
May 8.....	From First Baptist Church, Springfield, per Dr. Read,...	18 13
June 6.....	From Ladies' Education Society, per Mrs. C. F. Kendall, Treasurer,.....	5 00
June 9.....	From Ladies' Education Society, per Rev. E. C. Mitchell,.	10 00
June 9.....	From Rev. H. Loomis, $2; J. A. Kelly, refunded $10; per Dr. Read,.....	12 00
June 9.....	From South District Baptist Association, collected Sept., 1863, per Rev. E. C. Mitchell,.....	5 00
June 12...	From Prof. O. L. Castle, paid to J. M. Stifler, one year's Boarding,.....	130 00
June 12...	From Waverly Baptist Church, per Dr. Read,.....	5 10
June 12...	From Jacob Utt, half barrel Molasses for Theological Students, per Rev. E. C. Mitchell,.....	20 00
June 12...	Since June 13, 1863, by and for use of J. M. Lappin, from Rev. Uriah McKay, $10; J. H. Virplank, $5; J. T. Hungate, $10; Rev. G. W. Barcus, $5; Rev. J. H. Elkin, $10; Rev. Mr. Pearson, Kinmundy, $10; Jno. Miller, Flora, $5,	55 00
June 12...	Balance due Treasurer,.....	6 35
		$2,434 60

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1863.		
Sept. 30...	Paid Beneficiaries during the month,.....	$ 35 00
Oct. 31	" " "	60 00
Nov. 30....	" " "	30 00
Dec. 31.....	" " "	117 50
1864.		
Jan. 31....	" " "	30 00
Feb. 28....	" " "	50 00
March 31..	" " "	49 00
April 30...	" " "	102 00
May 5.....	Bill for Printing last annual minutes,.....	30 00
May 30....	Paid Beneficiaries during the month,.....	25 00
Aug. 31....	" " "	100 00
Sept. 30...	" " "	5 00
Oct. 31.....	" " "	123 40
Nov. 30....	" " "	75 00
Dec. 24....	Bill for Printing Circulars,.....	10 50

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Dec. 31....	Paid Beneficiaries during the month,.....	329 00
1865.		
Jan. 31.....	" " "	419 00
Feb. 28.....	" " "	30 00
March 3...	" " "	160 00
April 30...	" " "	295 00
May 31....	" " "	108 00
June 12....	" " " to this date,..	147 00
June 12....	Paid Dr. Read, traveling expenses since June 13, 1863,...	28 70
June 12....	Half barrel Molasses, distributed among Theo'l students,	20 00
June 12....	Paid Beneficiaries,.....	55 00
		$2,484 60

The Treasurer's Report has been examined and found correct.

OSCAR HOWES, *Auditor.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Ladies of the Education Society:

We have reached the period of a second anniversary, since our organization, though no regular annual meeting has intervened, the last one having been omitted with the College Commencement. Your Secretary has made two reports in the meantime, in which it appeared that about 700 circulars had been sent throughout the West. Many of the churches responded nobly to the call, and several auxiliary societies were formed. Over one hundred dollars had been raised and expended through the instrumentality of the society for the benefit of ministerial students. Besides this, valuable contributions have been received from various sources, in the form of useful articles, whose actual service has been greater than their value in money.

During the year now closing, special effort has been made to enlarge our resources to meet the increasing demands occasioned by the war prices. The assistance of our friends in the city of Alton was enlisted for the purpose, through which one hundred dollars was promptly furnished. At the same time the society in Upper Alton has succeeded in raising over one hundred dollars, a part of which were the proceeds of a select reading given for the benefit of the society, by Prof. Chase, of St. Louis. In the appropriations of these benefactions due regard has been had to

the different degrees of actual necessity, and it is but justice to say that in every instance the assistance has been not only well deserved but warmly and gratefully appreciated.

There is every prospect that the coming year will lay a still greater burden upon us, in view of the fact that the Theological Department is increasing in numbers, and the return of peace will doubtless increase the attendance of ministerial students in College.

In closing her report your Secretary begs leave to say that while her labors for the Society have been cheerfully rendered, and have afforded her much pleasure, she finds that it will be impossible for her to serve again the coming year in this capacity. Respectfully yours,

MARIA M. MITCHELL.

Upper Alton, June 10, 1865.

ABSTRACT of the Treasurer's Report of the Ladies' Education Society of Shurtleff College, for the year ending June 12th, 1865:

RECEIVED.	
From Alton Baptist Sewing Circle,	$100 00
" Mrs. C. N. Pomeroy, Quincy,	18 00
" Collection at Springfield,	34 00
" Mrs. S. Cairnes Hudson,	1 00
" Ladies' Education Society, Upper Alton,	117 70
Whole amount,	$265 60
PAID.	
Treasurer Illinois Baptist Education Society,	$233 50
To Students per order,	22 00
To Expenses incurred,	10 10
Amout,	$265 60
Amount received the former year,	$136 75
Whole amount received since the organization of our Society in June, 1863,	$402 35
Estimated value of uncompensated labor not otherwise reckoned in,	$280 00

The ladies of the Upper Alton church, by a vote of the society, decided to value, at a low estimate, the labor performed for the students; not that this has been an exception to former years,

but that our friends may gain a truer knowledge of the character of our work, showing that our hands have not been idle, while our hearts were not indifferent to the wants and necessities of those in our midst, striving to fit themselves more thoroughly for the Master's work.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. F. KENDALL, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERSHIP.

LIFE DIRECTORS.

J. E. Hayner, Rev. D. Read, Prof. O. L. Castle, Mrs. O. L. Castle, Z. B. Lawson, C. F. Howes, Herman C. Cole, Mrs. H. C. Cole, Elijah Gove, Rev. L. Campere, Rev. I. T. Hinton, Dea. J. Batchelder, Mrs. E. Gove. Rev. H. G. Weston, Rev. J. M. Frost, Rev. Robert Boyd.

LIFE MEMBERS.

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ANNUAL MEMBERS OF 1863-4 AND 1864-5.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF

SHURTLEFF COLLEGE, UPPER ALTON, ILLS.

AN ADDRESS

DELIVERED BY

REV. JUSTUS BULKLEY,

AT THE

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW COLLEGE EDIFICE,

JUNE 15, 1865.

In June, 1831, Rev. Jonathan Going, of Worcester, Mass., was sent by Baptists in the East to look after the interests of education connected with our Denomination in the West.

He visited Illinois with a view to aid in the origin and permanent establishment of an *Institution of Learning*, whose primary design should be the education of the rising ministry in this great *Western Valley*.

In company with Benjamin F. Edwards, M. D., of Edwardsville, Illinois, and Rev. J. M. Peck, of Rock Spring, Illinois, he visited the Edwardsville Association, which held its session in 1831, in Upper Alton.

Rev. J. M. Peck, for some years previously, had conducted, with varied success, a Seminary of learning, at Rock Spring, Illinois, looking directly to the Theological training of the Ministry, and he contended, with characteristic determination and perseverance, that Rock Spring Seminary, should receive the co-operation and material aid of the friends in the East, and thus be made to meet the increasing demands of the West for Ministerial Education. Dr. Edwards, on the other hand, who was a Trustee, and an earnest friend of Rock Spring Seminary, had become perfectly satisfied, before the visit of Dr. Going in 1831, that Rock Spring did not possess the advantages requisite to make it the site for such an *Institution of Learning*. He had already expressed his preference for its location, in what is now called "Middle Alton"—and in the teeth of opposition from strong and earnest brethren of his own church at Edwsrdville, he had used his influence in *favor* of Alton. At this time, there resided in Alton and its immediate vicinity, a number of liberal minded and large hearted gentlemen, whose attention had been directed to the *importance* and necessity of such an enterprise,

and who had taken incipient measures to found an Institution of Learning, which they hoped would finally develop into a college.

Strenuously opposed, however, by J. M. Peck, whose influence was almost unbounded, these measures assumed no very definite form, until the visit of Dr. Going, in 1831. During the session of the Edwardsville Association in that year, at Upper Alton, Dr. Going with far-reaching sagacity, unbiased by local prejudices or preferences, became satisfied that Alton possessed advantages possessed by no other point in the West, located on "*Free Soil.*" Situated near the confluence of three great rivers, the Mississippi, the Missouri and the Illinois, and but a little distance above the confluence of the Mississippi with the Ohio—the great and permanent channels of trade, of commerce, and of international communication; he saw already a large city at this point, with unnumbered cities and villages dotting the banks of these rivers throughout their entire course.

He assured J. M. Peck that his opposition to Alton as the site of the contemplated Institution, was untenable, and must be abandoned.

After consultation with Dr. Edwards, George Smith, Deacon Haskell, Stephen Griggs and others, the very spot on which we now stand was selected by Dr. Going as the site of the Seminary, provided, the title to the soil could be procured.

Such title was obtained through the agency of Gov. Ninian Edwards.

On the fourth day of June, 1832, Alton Seminary assumed "a habitation and a name;" by the organization of a Board of Trustees, consisting of Dr. B. F. Edwards, Rev. Hubbel Loomis, Enoch Long, Esq. Dea. William Manning, and Stephen Griggs, Esq.

On the seventh day of July following, George Smith, Esq. and Hon. Cyrus Edwards, signed the original articles of Association, and assumed in all respects equal responsibilities.

All these gentlemen were members of the Baptist Church, or Baptists in religious belief, except Enoch Long, who was a Presbyterian, and of whom honorable mention should be made, as deserving especial commendation for the great energy, efficiency and co-operation he exhibited in forwarding the enterprise.

The Seminary thus originated, was placed under the *direct* and *almost exclusive* control of Rev. Hubbel Loomis, who with his family had recently emigrated from New England, for the express purpose of aiding in giving shape and direction to *Baptist Literature* and *Theology* in the great valley of the Mississippi.

From the very inception of the enterprise in June, 1832, until his resignation in 1836, four years, the entire management of the school, even to the employment of *Assistants*, was entrusted to Mr. Loomis.

His heart was most intensely interested in the proper culture of the rising ministry of the West, and during his administration were educated such men as ELIAS R. FORT, JOHN ROGERS and NOAH FLOOD of Missouri; ELIHU PALMER of Illinois, J. M. FROST of Kentucky, SAMUEL BAKER, D. D. of Williamsburg, New York, and others. Mr. LOOMIS resigned in 1836—the following quotation from the records is appropriate:

JUNE 13, 1836.

WHEREAS, The Rev. H. LOOMIS has repeatedly expressed his wish to be released from the burden of presiding over the Preparatory Department of this College, and has again renewed this request; And Whereas, there now is a prospect that the aid of instructors can be had from the arrangements made in the east, Therefore,

Resolved, That the Board are deeply sensible of the obligations which this Institution has been under to Mr. LOOMIS for his arduous, self-denying and efficient labors as Principal, as well as his active and zealous co-operation and liberality in promoting its interests.

Resolved, That in view of the reasons he has urged, the Rev. H. LOOMIS be honorably released from further responsibility as Principal of this Institution.

LANDS.

On the very day that the Board of Trustees was organized, June 4, 1832, arrangements were made to purchase *Three Hundred and Sixty-two* acres of land, embracing a tract of one hundred and twenty-two acres on which the College now stands, and three eighty acre tracts entered by H. LOOMIS, and held by him in trust for the College. To enter this two hundred and forty acres, H. LOOMIS advanced the money three hundred dollars, and he held in reserve for a considerable time, six hundred dollars more to purchase other lands for the College, which the Trustees unfortunately failed to invest. As an evidence of the wisdom of the plan of investing largely in lands for the benefit of the College, so strenuously advocated by Mr. LOOMIS, it may be noted, that previous to the first day of December, 1835, three thousand five hundred dollars had been realized from the sale of lots. A subsequent exhibit showed forty-one lots and sixteen acres of land sold from the one hundred and twenty-two acre tract, for five thousand one hundred and fifty-seven dollars, leaving still unsold, forty acres, and twenty-seven lots, worth several thousand dollars more.

To the unwearied labors, self-sacrificing spirit and financial management of Rev. H. LOOMIS, including liberal loans of money made by him, we are indebted largely for our present prosperity.

CHARTER SECURED AND ACCEPTED.

In 1835, at the session of the Illinois General Assembly, Hon. CYRUS EDWARDS, by dint of immense labor and "log-rolling," combining the educational interests of other portions of the State, and also of the other religious denominations, procured a College Charter. The bill under which the charter was granted

was sufficiently liberal in its provisions, to permit the establishment of any number of Colleges, under the control of any *religious denomination.*

In this charter, a Theological Department was *carefully* and *positively* prohibited. Two agencies operated to produce this prohibition. In the first place, the Baptists of Illinois were largely *Antinomian* and *Anti-mission*, and consequently possessed an inexorable hatred and holy horror of ministerial culture acquired in the schools. If a minister could master "Dillworth's Spelling Book," if he could read the New Testament, and line a hymn, he was far more likely, if successful in winning souls to Christ, to glorify the grace of God, than if he had enjoyed the opportunities for liberal culture.

Education, in their esteem, only puffed up pride and vanity, and hence was most destructive to spirituality and the grace of God. Hath not God said, "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it?" Whence then the need of intellectual or theological training? Hence this spirit must conscientiously and strenuously oppose theological instruction.

Politicians too, then as now, were exceedingly jealous of the rights and liberties of the people. They professed to believe that *theological instruction*, was but another name for *religious proscription*, and was an immediate and designed, though covert purpose of establishing at no distant day, "*State Religion*," to the utter extinction of all "*Religious Toleration.*"

Hence they too must earnestly oppose "*Theological instruction.*"

Under this charter, accepted March 6th, 1835, the "Trustees of Alton Seminary," were incorporated under the designation of "The Trustees of Alton College, Illinois."

Of this Board, Rev. Hubbel Loomis was chosen President, and Stephen Griggs, Secretary.

At the meeting of the Board, March 6, 1835, Rev. J. M. Peck, George Haskell and Alfred W. Cavarly, were added to the Board.

BUILDINGS.

The first building erected was the "Academic Hall," built of brick, two stories high. On the first floor were the Chapel and Library, on the second floor were two rows of *small, dark, ill-constructed, poorly ventilated* dormitories for students. The heating apparatus was novel if not admirable.

Each room had a stove. All the pipes from these several stoves passed into one single pipe, which extended horizontally, the entire length of the building, over the hall separating the dormitories, and entered a single flue at the extremity of the building. Of course the smoke from these several pipes, entering one, resembled the smoke of a furnace, and rendered study anything but a pleasure. This building has since been remodeled

more in accordance with the demands of modern taste, and serves the purpose of a chapel.

The second building was of stone—a main building and two wings; the main building was thirty-eight by forty-two feet, two stories high, besides basement and attic. The basement contained a large dining hall and two kitchens. The second story contained a suite of rooms for a family. The third story contained students rooms or dormitories. It was built at a cost of four thousand three hundred dollars. The Trustees gave it the modest name of "Seminary Hall and Refectory," I suppose because originally a "Refectory" was a hall or apartment in Convents and Monasteries, where a *moderate repast* was taken. These *moderate repasts* will be long remembered by many of the earlier students whose insatiable appetites, restrained by no conventionalities of modern refinement, carried on incessant foraging expeditions to the pantry and kitchen, to the no small annoyance of the steward and his lady.

The *third building* is the present College edifice—one hundred and twenty feet in length and forty-four feet in width, with a hall running the entire length of the building, crossed by a transverse hall through the centre. It is built of brick, with stone foundation. It is four stories high, and is intended to furnish sixteen students' rooms on each floor, making sixty-four rooms. Several of these rooms have, however, in a number of instances been thrown into one, for "*Library*," *Cabinet*, *Recitation Rooms*, and rooms for "Societies."

The resolution to erect this building was passed August 3, 1839. On the 28th of July, 1841, I find the following record:

"*Resolved*, That the new College Edifice, for quality of materials, neat and substantial workmanship, and architectural beauty, is not exceeded by any edifice within the knowledge of this Board, and reflects great credit on the talents, skill, industry and fidelity of the contractors."

At this period, however, the building was simply enclosed and several years passed away before it was entirely completed.

Shurtleff College has outgrown its buildings. A building *larger*, more commodious, and more in harmony with the architectural taste of the present age, is an imperative necessity, and we to-day lay the corner stone of a new edifice, one hundred and eighty-five feet in length by eighty-one feet in width. It is to be four stories high, built of Alton lime stone, material as firm and durable as can be found in the Mississippi Valley. By the aid of Divine Providence and the help of our brethren, this building will be speedily erected—a building that shall be a monument to the liberality, not only of this community, but also of the Denomination, affording ampler facilities for Collegiate and Theological culture, reflecting credit upon all who engage in the enterprise—a building consecrated to God and our country—a building which shall be both the *exponent* and the *out-*

growth of our gratitude to God for our preservation and prosperity under his *especial providence.* "The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withold from them that walk uprightly." Though conscious of imperfections, "In the name of our God we will set up our banners."

FACULTY.

Rev. HUBBEL LOOMIS had exclusive control of the school from its inception, June, 1832, to his resignation in June, 1836.

APPOINTED.	PRESIDENTS.	RESIGNED.
1835	Rev. Washington Leverett, A. M., *Ex. Officio*	1841
1841	Rev. Adiel Sherwood, D. D.	1845
1846	Rev. Washington Leverett, A. M., *Ex. Officio*	1849
1850	Rev. Norman N. Wood, D. D.	1855
1855	Rev. S. Y. McMasters, L.L. D., *pro tempore*	1856
1856	Rev. Daniel Read, L.L. D., *present incumbent*	
	PROFESSORS.	
1841	Rev. Washington Leverett, A. M, Mathematics and Natural Philososhy	1853
1841	Rev. Zenas B. Newman, A. M., Oratory, Rhetoric and Belles Lettres	1844
1841	Rev. Warren Leverett, A. M., Latin and Greek Languages	1853
1847	Rev. Erastus Adkins, A. M., Oratory, Rhetoric and Belles Lettres	1853
1853	Rev. Erastus Adkins, A. M., Latin and Greek Languages.	1855
1853	Rev. Justus Bulkley, A. M., Mathematics and Natural Philosophy	1855
1853	Orlando L. Castle, A. M., Oratory, Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, *present incumbent*	
1855	Rev. Washington Leverett, A. M., Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, *present incumbent*	
1855	Oscar Howes, A. M., Latin and Greek Languages and Literature; *present incumbent*	
1856	Ebenezer Marsh, Jun., A. M., Ph. Dr. Chemistry, Geology and Mineralogy; *present incumbent*	
1863	Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, A. M., Biblical Studies and Sacred Rhetoric; *present incumbent*	
1864	Rev. Robert E. Pattison, D. D., Systematic Theology and History of Doctrines; *present incumbent*	
1865	Rev. Warren Leverett, A. M., Associate Professor of Ancient Languages	
1865	Rev. O. L. Barler, A. M., Phonography, and Principal of Commercial Department	
	PRINCIPALS OF THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.	
1834	John Russell, L. L. D.	1835
1835	Rev. Zenas B. Newman, A. M.	1840
1838	Rev. Samuel R. Allard, L.L. D.	1839
1839	Rev. Warren Leverett, A. M.	1841
1846	Rev. Justus Bulkley, A. M.	1849
1849	William Cunningham, A. M.	1850
1850	Philip P. Brown, Jun.	1853
1853	James R. Kay, M. D.	1854
1854	Rev. Elihu J. Palmer	1855
1855	William A. Castle	1856
1856	Rev. Warren Leverett, A. M	1865

STUDENTS.

From June, 1832, to June, 1836, under the administration of Rev. H. Loomis, the average attendance of Students is supposed to be about seventy-five.

From 1836 to 1841, the average number of Students in attendance was eighty-eight, and of Instructors four.

Since June, 1841, the number has been slowly but steadily increasing. During the last nine years the average number in attendance is one hundred and twelve, about one-third of whom have been Ministerial Students. The number in attendance for the years 1864 and 1865, is one hundred and nineteen.

About one thousand three hundred young men have been educated in whole or in part, in Shurtleff College. The average attendance for thirty years has been ninety. Of this number so far as known, seventy-six have entered the Gospel Ministry; twenty-two have entered the Medical Profession; more than one hundred and fifty of these Students are known to have entered the army of the United States. Two of them, John Pope and John M. Palmer, have, with great credit, filled the office of Major General of United States Volunteers, while many others in the capacity of Colonels, Majors, Captains, and lower officers, have led their men to the field of carnage and of death.

Their blood has been freely poured out on many a hard fought battle field—their fortitude and patriotism have been tried in many a southern prison, and their lives have been cheerfully given to their country, to freedom, and to God. They are embalmed in our hearts, and enshrined in the affections and memories of an appreciating and grateful people.

DONORS.

It would be difficult, if not impossible to do justice to all who have generously and with great liberality contributed to the general or special funds of the Institution. All institutions of learning, especially in a new country, have their reverses, and their strugglings with poverty and embarrassment. To these severe trials, Shurtleff College has not been a stranger; yet these very trials have been her greatest blessings. They have developed her resources; they have augmented her power; they have "lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes"; they have brought her to a consciousness of her dependence upon God, and they have purified the sources of her strength; they have rallied the tardy sympathies of her old friends and gathered around her a host of new ones; christians have been made to feel that the cause of truth, and the religion of Christ demanded that Shurtleff College should be made the *centre* and *source* of a mighty power in this central valley.

In October, 1835, Benjamin Shurtleff, M. D. of Boston, Mass., donated the munificent sum of ten thousand dollars. Five

thousand of this sum was given for the erection of a "New College Edifice," and *Five Thousand* as the foundation of a Professorship of Oratory, Rhetoric and Belles-Lettres. In return for this munificent gift, the name of the institution was changed to "Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois."

Hon. CYRUS EDWARDS, of Alton, Ill., gave to the College, as the foundation of the Edwards' Professorship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, a valuable tract of land, from which the College have already realized not far from ten thousand dollars.

ELIJAH GOVE, of Quincy, Ill., some years since gave ten thousand dollars as the foundation of the Gove Professorship of "Latin and Greek Languages and Literature."

Mr. GOVE has recently added five thousand dollars to his Professorship, making it fifteen thousand dollars. His wife Mrs. R. GOVE, has recently given ten thousand dollars, of which sum five thousand dollars is to be applied to the erection of the New Edifice, and five thousand vested as a fund, the interest of which shall be annually appropriated under the direction of the Theological Faculty, to the purchase of *Books* for the Libraries of worthy and needy young ministers, who graduate from the Theological Department.

H. N. KENDALL, of Upper Alton, Ill., has given seven thousand five hundred dollars to endow the chair of the President, ten thousand dollars towards the erection of the new building and two thousand five hundred for other purposes.

Dr. E. MARSH, of Alton, Ill., has given, for endowing a Professorship, five thousand dollars, besides a liberal sum for the erection of the new building.

J. L. BLAIR, of Alton, has given for endowing a Professorship five thousand dollars.

Major HUNTER, late of Alton, Ill., has given lands valued at from three thousand to four thousand dollars.

DAVID PIERSON of Carrollton, Ill., one thousand dollars.

RICHARD FLAGG of Alton, for building, one thousand dollars.

D. L. PHILLIPS of Springfield, Ill., two thousand dollars.

Rev. PULLIAM of Belleville, Ill., one thousand dollars, a beneficiary fund.

J. O. PIERCE, of St. Louis, has paid $1,200, and promises $500 per year for the President's support.

D. J. HANCOCK, of St. Louis, paid about $2,000.

The foregoing, though not in all respects accurate, approximates the truth. Besides these large donations, amounts varying from one thousand dollars downward, have been given by many who wanted only the *ability*, to have been numbered among the largest benefactors of the College.

These smaller sums have been as gratefully received, as highly appreciated, and as greatly blessed. Others have positively promised large and liberal donations; and others still are con-

templating generous gifts, whose pledges have not been secured, and we record it as a special token of the divine favor, that brethren now living have by "Will and Testament," made Shurtleff College a *Legatee*, to a generous inheritance, thus intending so to invest their property that rich and perpetual streams shall issue therefrom to refresh, and gladden "the city of our God."

Thus is God raising up, for us, friends who will amply provide for our necessities.

No college can accomplish its mission unless largely endowed. Andover, a power second perhaps to none in New England, or in the United States, in developing and directing the destinies of this nation, stamping indelibly its impress upon the *intellect* and *theology* of the present age, has an endowment in Professorships, reported at three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Besides this it has in public buildings, in Professors, houses, lands and libraries, two hundred thousand dollars, in library fund twenty thousand dollars, beneficiary fund sixty thousand dollars, making a total of six hundred and thirty thousand dollars. And yet Andover is asking for fifty thousand dollars for a new Library Building and Chapel, and one hundred and twenty thousand dollars for other purposes, and sanctified christian liberality will meet these demands. We need other large endowments to place us above embarrassment. Our brethren have the funds and we believe God will incline their hearts to meet our pressing necessities. Will not brethren who peruse these pages, permit us earnestly to appeal to them for help?

RELIGIOUS PROSPERITY.

At every step of our progress, especial tokens of Divine approbation have marked our history. Founded in earnest prayer, consecrated to God from its origin, directed to the one great aim of providing the purest and widest culture for the Baptist ministry, God has abundantly blessed the college with frequent and powerful outpourings of his spirit. Several extensive and precious revivals of religion have been enjoyed. Scarcely a year has passed, especially in its recent history, without the conversion of students to Christ. During the years 1863 and 1864, of the one hundred and forty who received instruction, there were only twelve who did not profess to be the disciples of Christ, and thirty-eight were studying for the ministry. During the year now closing, forty-three ministerial students have been in attendance.

In addition to these cheering tokens of the Divine approval, a considerable number of the young men, converted in college, have been led by the Holy Spirit to consecrate talent and life to the Gospel ministry; and the religious element *in* and *around* the college, has never been so *hallowed, and powerful* as to-day.

THE DESIGN OF THE FOUNDERS.

The primary design of the *Founders* of Shurtleff College, as already intimated, was to provide for the most liberal instruction, *literary, scientific, collegiate, and theological*, of the Baptist ministry in the great West.

This is evident from the terms upon which the property of Alton Seminary was transferred to Alton College. In accepting the College charter, the Trustees resolved that "it is, and ever shall continue to be, a prominent object to aid in the education of young men of genuine piety, designed for the Gospel ministry in this section of the valley of the Mississsippi, and that the principle of this compact shall remain inviolate."

In accordance with this design, the Trustees of the Seminary, in transferring their property to the College "reserve the right of receiving from said incorporation, a title in trust for so much of the land as may be needed, not to exceed fifty acres, for the education of the ministry of the Gospel, and also such donations as may have been made for this specific object."

The Board subsequently selected for this purpose, ten acres of land fronting the College, on the north of College Avenue, in a square, embracing the most valuable land they possessed. This object of ministerial culture has been kept steadily in view.

True, in the *preparatory*, *scientific* or collegiate departments, denominational peculiarities have no place, and can have none, yet so thoroughly are the Baptists imbued with the idea of a college essentially under denominational control, that during all the past, all the *Presidents*, *Professors* and *Teachers* have been Baptists, with two exceptions—Dr. McMasters, an Episcopalian, a gentleman and a scholar, through the agency of brethren at Chicago filled the office of President one year; and during one year an excellent Presbyterian brother, Wm. Cunningham, a graduate of this college, filled the office of Principal of the Preparatory Department. And to-day, ten men, all Baptists of the strictest sect are connected with the department of instruction, and are a unit in their policy and principles.

Hitherto, the Theological work of the College has been, of necessity, to a great extent, confined to rudiments, the students themselves being unprepared to receive exclusive Biblical instruction.

The demand for ministerial culture, more extensive and thorough, has been daily increasing, with the increased facilities for broadest intellectual culture in all the liberal professions. The unparalelled rapidity with which the physical and intellectual resources of the West have been developed, imperatively demands a ministry of a higher order of talent than that which, has hitherto moulded the religious character of our people. The stupendous march of God's providence, opening before us, as the result of the terrible struggle of the last four years, a

mighty empire, wrested from the bond of a *wicked and despotic* slave oligarchy, the intellectual and spiritual wants of four millions of Freedmen, released from slavery by the struggle, together with the whole South, now consecrated to *patriotism, to Freedom and to God*, and soon to be filled with a *noble* and *magnanimous* people, whose institutions must in all respects be homogeneous with our own, *all* imperatively demand a *strong, earnest, pious ministry.*

The Trustees, foreseeing these events, determined June 3d, 1863, to establish a Theological Department in Shurtleff College.

Without a dollar to endow a Theological Professorship, trembling with the most anxious solicitude, but with ear reverently upturned to catch the whisperings of Divine providence, they believed that they distinctly heard the voice of God commanding them to go forward.

Permit me to quote from the records:

WHEREAS, An imperative demand for Ministerial Education in the Valley of the Mississippi, was the immediate occasion and reason of the founding of Shurtleff College, and

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God the number of students for the ministry has increased year by year, over twenty having entered the ministry from the College during the last six years, and more than thirty being now connected with it, while scores have sought to enter its walls, but have been deterred by want of means; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to the welfare of our churches, that Pastors should have some direct Theological training superadded to the Classical and Scientific attainments of a College course; and

WHEREAS, It is impossible with our present facilities to meet this demand in any proper manner; and

WHEREAS, There is every prospect that the events now transpiring in our country will speedily and largely increase this demand by the opening of the States of Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas, to free Gospel labor; therefore,

Resolved, That we feel ourselves called upon by the voice of these opening Providences, to establish a chair of special Theological instruction, to be entitled, "The Chair of Biblical Studies and Sacred Rhetoric."

Resolved, That after due consideration, we are fully satisfied that Rev. E. C. Mitchell, of Rockford, possesses the requisite abilities and attainments for the efficient and successful discharge of the duties of said Chair, and therefore that he be, and is hereby elected to the Professorship of Biblical Studies and Sacred Rhetoric in Shurtleff College, to enter upon the active duties of his position as soon as the endowment is sufficient for his support.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to take immediate measures to secure a permanent endowment of at least fifteen thousand dollars for this Chair.

At the time of taking this action, it was not definitely anticipated that a distinct Theological department would be immediately called for, but upon the opening of the succeeding Collegiate year in September, 1863, a new set of students presented themselves, composed of graduates, ordained ministers and others, whom it was found neccessary to organize at once into a Junior Theological Class. This class is now completing a course of Biblical interpretation under Prof. MITCHELL. So pressing was the labor crowding upon this department, that Rev. J. BULKLEY,

in September, 1864, consented for the time being, to give gratuitous instruction in Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity. But God in his providence had richer and more unexpected blessings in reserve for us.

Rev. Robert E. Pattison, D.D., a large portion of whose life had been devoted to the training of young men for the ministry, and who was eminently qualified by the endowments of nature, by severe, exact and enlarged culture, and by the gracious work of the Divine Spirit, for this work, was so impressed with its magnitude and necessity, that he gave up a pleasant home in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he had a *flourishing* and *remunerative* Female school, for the pleasure of instructing young men for the work of the Gospel ministry.

Having signified his readiness to be associated with the Theological Department of Shurtleff College, the Trustees on the 8th of June, 1864, passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, The action of this Board on the 3d of January, 1863, in establishing a Chair of special Theological Instruction has received manifest tokens of Divine favor, so that a new step in the same direction is already called for, and,

Whereas, Communications have been received from the Rev. R. E. Pattison, D. D., a distinguished and experienced teacher of Systematic Theology, signifying his willingness to devote himself to this work, provided his support can be secured; therefore,

Resolved, That relying upon God's blessing, we embrace this providential opportunity to enlarge our Theological facilities, and hereby constitute the chair of "Systematic Theology and the History of Doctrines," in Shurtleff College.

Resolved, That Rev. Robert Everett Pattison, D. D., of Worcester, Mass., be and hereby is elected to the above named Professorship, to enter upon duty in September next, provided a support for at least five years thereafter can previously be secured for him."

Dr. Pattison accepted the position thus tendered him, and entered upon his duties near the commencement of the college year in September, 1864.

Thus strangely has God compelled us to enter this department of Christian labor.

Students of Theology have been multiplied. The junior class for the year ending June, 1864, numbered twelve.

There are in the two classes of the present year, nineteen.

In the other departments in College, there are twenty-four young men studying for the ministry, making the total of ministerial students now in the institution, forty-three.

As the work has developed and enlarged, the necessity for a three years, course has become apparent. It is impossible to meet our obligations to these brethren, and to the churches of Jesus Christ without thus extending the course, and making it as *thorough, exact and comprehensive,* as is the Theological course of study in any of our *Eastern Institutions.*

As we review the past, the directing and controlling Providence of God is so *visible and unerring* that we cannot mistake.

We are amazed at the necessities created for Theological Instruction, and more amazed at the provisions made exactly at the right time to meet those necessities.

The Board established these Professorships with great trembling, and amid profound misgivings. They possessed not a dollar, and they pledged not a dollar. They were unwilling by any possibility to incur an embarrassing debt, in the establishment of these Professorships. Yet God has provided for all immediate necessities as exigencies have arisen.

Both chairs have thus far been self-supporting, although the instruction is free to all students for the ministry. God has raised up friends whose timely contributions afford us a foretaste and a pledge of future and richer blessings.

With most profound gratitude we acknowledge the Divine hand in directing us, and we would press forward to the accomplishment of the work assigned us.

THE FIELD WE OCCUPY.

Had the location of the College, for this great central valley, been left until to-day, no better site could have been selected.

Upper Alton is situated on a high bluff over-looking the Mississippi river, about seven miles above the mouth of the Missouri, and twenty below the mouth of the Illinois. It is within one hour's distance of St. Louis by rail, and hence accessible to all Southern Illinois and Missouri by means of railroads centering in St. Louis. The Terre Haute and Alton Railroad, and the Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad centre in Alton. Besides these, a railroad is nearly completed from Alton north through *Jacksonville and Petersburg* to *Tonica.* Hence a perfect network of *rail* and *river*, extending to every part of this great valley—the great channels of intercommunication, the vast thoroughfares of commerce, of science and of religion, the nation's arteries, centres in Alton. Of the *vastness* of this territory, it is almost impossible to obtain a definite conception.

What mind can estimate the influence exerted by our own loved New England, the home of the "omnipresent Yankee," upon the social, political and religious development of man, and yet New England can be taken from *free* Missouri alone, and a garden spot remain nearly as large as eight Rhode Islands.

Nearly six States as large as the Empire State can be carved out of the single territory of Dakota. Illinois has a territory a fraction smaller than all New England.

In *richness* the Mississippi valley is unsurpassed. It is justly regarded as the very garden of the world. In agricultural resources unequalled—in mineral productions inexhaustible, in facilities for commercial communications unsurpassed. Statis-

tics now show that Chicago is the first *primary grain market* in the world, and yet scarcely one-twentieth of the agricultural resources of this great basin has been developed.

Twenty-eight years ago, in our own Illinois, wolves prowling for prey crossed my own path at mid day, and their dismal howlings around my father's dwelling often made night hideous.

Much of Illinois and Iowa, and most of Wisconsin was then an unbroken wilderness. Within the last twelve years, the wheat crop of Illinois has increased from nine millions to twenty-four millions of bushels, and that of Wisconsin from four millions two hundred and twenty-five thousand, to sixteen millions of bushels. Illinois is to-day the great cattle growing State of the Union, furnishing the New York market a weekly average of two thousand head.

Aye sir, King Cotton has madly abdicated his throne and exchanged his proud sceptre for "crinoline," and King Corn having his seat of empire in this great valley, is *peacefully* and *righteously* inheriting the crown.

If no *primary* grain market in the world can now equal Chicago, what numbers shall declare our agricultural resources when the remaining nineteen-twentieths of the soil of this valley shall have yielded its increase?

When the grasping Anglo Saxon in his march to the manifest destiny of universal conquest shall have wrested all this immense region from the Red Man and from the slave oligarchy, and consecrated it to freedom and to God—when he shall have put it all under tribute to its utmost capacity, what figures shall declare the vastness of its productions, or the denseness of its population?

Beautifully and truthfully has it been said: "On our hill sides and prairies may graze the flocks of the world, and from our granaries, its teeming millions be fed."

In short, in agricultural and mineral resources, in commercial advantages, in beauty of scenery, in salubrity of climate, this valley may challenge comparison.

Hence when taken in connection with our *civil*, *political* and *religious* blessings, this valley is a *vast lode-stone*, irresistibly attracting to itself unnumbered myriads from every land. "The wave of population and enterprise is rolling its irresistible tide of subjugation over our beautiful prairies, through our dense forests, adown our majestic rivers, foreshadowing a future pregnant with results impossible to be estimated in figures or conceived in fact. In the *rapidity* of its *development* and *growth*, this valley is unrivalled.

France doubles her population in about one hundred and fifty years; Spain in one hundred and eleven years; England and Wales together have a little more than doubled their population since 1801, in sixty-five years; Scotland has increased one

hundred and fifty per cent. in one hundred and forty-four years. I know not that other European States have increased more rapidly.

Now glance at the growth of some portions of this valley. Wisconsin entered the Union in 1848. In the decade between 1840 and 1850, she increased eight hundred and sixty-eight per cent. Then the twenty-fourth State in the Union. Between 1850 and 1860, she increased one hundred and fifty-four per cent., passing from the twenty-fourth to the fifteenth State in the Union.

Illinois entered the Union in 1818, Indiana having preceded her two years. In 1820 Illinois was the twenty-fourth State in the Union, now she is the fourth. In 1840 she had in round numbers 476,000 inhabitants; in 1850, 851,000; in 1860, 1,712,000. The gain during the last decade was one hundred and one per cent. "So large a population, doubling itself in ten years, by the regular course of settlement and natural increase," says our Census Superintendent, "is without a parallel, and its steady progress during the last thirty years, is a monument of the blessings of industry, enterprise, peace, free institutions, and our holy religion."

In 1790, this valley was a wilderness almost unbroken. Virginia, then the mother of Presidents and the mother of States, had nineteen Representatives in the American Congress. Ohio admitted in 1802, under the increased ratio of representation, takes her place with nineteen Representatives, while Virginia before the rebellion was reduced to eleven. Illinois admitted in 1818 has fourteen Representatives.

Nor can we in this connection overlook the progress in internal improvements. Take the simple item of railroads as exhibiting our progress and developing our resources. In the aggregate length of railroads in 1860, Ohio took the lead, having in operation three thousand miles. Illinois then was the second State in the Union in the length of her railroads, having two thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight miles, having outstripped New York and Pennsylvania. To-day Illinois has in operation more than three thousand miles, the whole of it, save one hundred and ten miles built since 1850, at a cost of nearly $150,000,000.

Yea more, the majestic Mississippi, whose waters since the creation, have slumbered undisturbed by abutment or pier, have been spanned by Yankee energy and science, and above those waters proudly tramps the iron horse, snuffing afar the waters of the Pacific, and impatiently champing to plunge his fiery nostrils beneath their cooling billows.

This field has its *perils*. In this valley the *wildest* and most reckless speculation prevails, resulting in thousands of instances in disappointment, dissipation, bankruptcy of character and

of fortune. Crime and ruin follow each other in rapid succession. Every department of public trust seems filled with men who think it no crime to thrust their arms to the very elbows into the treasury of the government, even though the wealth thus feloniously extracted, be saturated with the life blood of the nation.

Besides this, we are in peculiar peril from the strange combination of elements in western society. Each breeze that sweeps the ocean, brings to our shores unnumbered multitudes from the Old World, dissimilar in *habits, tastes, pursuits, interests, education* and religious belief—" a heterogeneous mass, without any homogeneous character."

The fountains of the great deep of European society are broken up, and the swelling waves, teeming with life, are dashing across the Atlantic, surging through our cities, overwhelming our prairies, felling and filling our forests, and threatening our entire destruction. Five hundred thousand foreigners crowd to-day the soil of Illinois. This valley is an immense crucible into which the Almighty Chemist is pouring every conceivable opinion, *political, social* and *religious*--all is in a state of fusion—the most intense action is exhibited. The resulting amalgam is known only to Him who sees the end from the beginning. Well will it be for the church and the world, if the crucible itself is not rent into a thousand fragments by the intensity of its own action.

These facts outstanding in the present, and pointing significantly to the future of our own loved Mississippi valley, call for *united, vigorous, efficient,* holy action on the part of the church of Christ. The church must prepare for persevering, unremitting, aggressive, united warfare. The Cross of Christ is the only conservative principle in our society. This is the only breakwater to the dashing waves of *infidelity,* of lawlessness and sin.

Hence the great want of the present day is *men—pious, devoted, earnest, cultivated* man-loving, God-fearing men. Men, all of whose powers have been consecrated at the cross of Christ—men entirely controlled by the Spirit of God.

We must have men of talent, men of ardent and earnest piety, men of unwavering faith—of unconquerable energy; men appalled by no opposition and intimidated by no danger; men of sound, discriminating judgment—of burning zeal—of unflinching purpose—of practical self-denial—of expansive and living benevolence; men who will adhere to their convictions of duty, and if necessary, impale themselves upon a single moral principle. Men who will make every private interest subordinate to the interests of the church of Christ; men who like Napoleon, have only to be told that the scaling of the Alps is possible, to give the word of command "go forward." Men, who when a Vicksburg or Richmond of infidelity is to be reduced, can muster the

hosts of God's elect, and so control them, that every man of them will sooner sacrifice his life than abandon the enterprise.

We need *men*, not merely in the ministry, but in every department of human enterprise, and in every profession. Men who serve God, not mammon—men who love souls more than gold. We must have the Christian merchant, the Christian lawyer, the Christian physician, the Christian teacher, and the Christian farmer, as well as the Christian minister.

To prepare young men to act thus nobly their part in life, and exert an influence imperishable upon the church of Christ and the destinies of our race is the very mission of this Institution of Learning, and it is worthy of especial note, that "there is not a Baptist College or Theological School within a circuit of two hundred and fifty miles radius from Alton—a circuit which now contains a population of over four millions, with a Baptist membership of over one hundred and twenty thousand —a population and a membership twenty-five per cent. greater than that contained in the whole of the New England States. In addition to this, almost unlimited fields of usefulness are opening *North, South, West and East.*

Lay then to-day the corner stone of your new edifice. Lay it in prayers, in tears, in faith, and consecration to God. Lay it with an unwavering confidence in God, that the thousands who shall receive instruction within these walls shall be subdued by the Spirit of God and their talents consecrated to Christ, and as these walls shall rise, in symmetry, in beauty, and in strength to their completion, may the prayers, the sympathies, and the co-operation of the church of Christ, be given you, until the top-stone shall be brought forth with shoutings of "grace, grace unto it."

And as this temple rises, so may the pillars of God's spiritual temple rise from the four quarters of the globe, and from the Isles of the Sea, until its top shall pierce even to the throne of God, and around its summit play the sunlight of Heaven.

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